(iii) In the case of Post Offices opened under the scheme of Non-Returnable Contributions (NRC), the sponsoring agency has defaulted payment.

(iv) In the case of experimental Post Offices, the loss incurred was grossly in excess of the prescribed limits even after the maximum admissible period of experiment.

(v) In the case of Post Offices functioning in rented buildings, lease not renewed by owner and no other accommodation available in the area.

(c) 77 Extra-departmental agents were redundant to immediate requirements.

(d) All the 77 extra-departmental agents were offered alternative posts. 41 of them have accepted the offers given to them. The remaining 36 who could not avail of the alternative posts have been wait-listed for consideration against other future vacancies.

Foreign collaboration in the field of Telecommunications

128. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the collaboration agreements presently operative between India and other countries in the field of telecommunications; and

(b) the steps being taken for modernisation of the telecommunication system in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Construction of Airport Terminal Building at Ahmedabad Airport

129. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that designs and estimates have been prepared for the construction of an airport terminal building at Ahmedabad airport;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by National Airports Authority in this regard; and

(c) by when the actual work is likely to commence and to be completed?

THE MNISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Combination of triple antigen with Polio vaccine

130. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that triple antigen along with Polio vaccine has been allowed for marketing in the country;

(b) if so, when was this preparation allowed for marketing;

(c) whether such preparation is being imported or produced in the country;

(d) whether it is a fact that certain reports have appeared in other countries about the adverse reactions of this vaccine;

(e) if so, what are the findings of the trials conducted in our country indicating the names of investigators and connected institutions which conducted the trials;

(f) what is the procedure for obtaining the permission for marketing of this vaccine; and

(g) whether all the required formalities in this regard have been completed; if so, the details thereof; and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) According to information available, the quadruple vaccine containing DPT (Diphtheria Pertusis and Tetanus) with Polio vaccine (Inactivated Salk) has been permitted by the Commissioner, Food and Drugs Administration, Maharashtra and the vaccine is reported to be marketed from January, 1987.

(c) The inactivated Polio vaccine bulk which figures in Appendix 6, list 3 of Open General Licence of the Import & Export Policy is imported and mixed with DPT (Diphtheria pertusis and Tetanus) which is indigenously manufactured in the country to produce quadruple vaccine.

(d) Government is not aware of any adverse reaction of the vaccine reported abroad.

(e) In view of (d) above does not arise.

(f) and (g) While Drugs Controller India, is the authority to approve new drug, State Drugs Controllers are the licensing authorities for manufacture and sale of drugs in the respective states. The procedure for approval of new drug as well as licensing a formulation includes examination of data relating to safety and efficacy of the drug backed by other information such as availability of the drug in other countries, the recognition of the use of the drug in official books and Journals. In the instant case application for grant of licence was filed before Food and Drugs Administration, Maharashtra whose duty it is to ensure that proper procedure is followed before granting license.

Budget allocation for the National Health Programme

131. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total budget allocated for National Health Programme for the year 1986-87 and that for 1987-88;

(b) whether it is a fact that medicines required for the control of diseases under National Health Programme are not available at various centres;

(c) what was the budget allocated for purchase of medicines during last three years, year-wise and what was the percentage increase affected each year;

(d) whether it is a fact that the budgetary provisions for purchase of medicines lapsed during last three years,

(e) if so, what was the amount utilised per year during last three years and what were the reasons for such lapsing;

(f) what are the names of medicines purchased along with value of each medicine during last three years, year-wise; and

(g) what steps are being taken to make these medicines available according to requirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (c) A statement is enclosed [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 4.]

(b) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

(f) and (g) A statement is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 5.]